

THE POLICE CORPS WEEKLY

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CASE STUDIES: RECRUIT KUNZ

To start week fourteen, Sgt. Page and Sgt. Anibas of the Eau Claire P. D. came back to watch and observe the recruits partake in the case studies that they had pre-planned. While in groups, each recruit got the opportunity to respond to three different scenarios. During the three-hour time period of each case, recruits got the chance to show what they have learned from the instructors, mostly involving crime scene management. Recruits got the chance to hold the duties of various roles at each scene, such as incident commander, evidence technician, and the measurement/log officer. All three cases that the recruits were involved in were very challenging, forcing recruits to use their observation and decision-making skills. They also gave us the chance to think while work-



Recruits take a picture of a potential homicide scene during case studies.

ing on our feet, dealing with numerous distractions at each scenario.

These scenarios were a great learning experience for all of us, and it really opened our eyes towards a lot of things. Each recruit got a first-hand look at how difficult some cases might be, and just how dramatic and bizarre some things might turn out. Real-

life situations will also take a lot more time to figure out. Regardless of the situation, officers must do a thorough job on whatever task that is handed to them. Whether that is receiving witness statements, or conducting a detailed search for evidence, the most minute finding might be a key part to the eventual resolution of the case.

TERRORISM AND SCHOOL VIOLENCE: RECRUIT BOHREN

On Thursday and Friday of this week, Mr. Darden instructed a course on terrorism training for law enforcement. The FBI definition of terrorism is the unlawful use of force or violence against per-

sons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof. The objective of a terrorist action is to scare people. There are four types of terrorism,

which includes left-wing, right-wing, special interest, and domestic/international terrorism. Mr. Darden then discussed the various roles of law enforcement officers and terrorism.

TERRORISM AND SCHOOL VIOLENCE: CONT'D.

Mr. Darden also discussed safe schools and the role of the police. School violence has become an increasingly greater concern in the past decade. Many factors contribute to why kids may take part in school violence. These factors might include the lack of parental supervision, lack of family involvement, exposure to violence in the mass media, neglect, verbal and physical abuse, peer pressure, drugs and alco-

hol, and bullying. There are also early warning signs that parents, friends, and teachers should be aware of, including social withdrawal, expression of violence in writings and drawings, uncontrolled anger, and poor academic performance. Simply put, Mr. Darden told us that law enforcement should take a proactive approach to school violence, to possibly prevent another incident like the Columbine High

School shootings from occurring again.

SCENARIOS: RECRUIT CATO

On Saturday and Sunday of Week Fourteen, recruits got their first opportunity to partake in scenario training. Recruits were given the duties of patrolling the area surrounding the State Patrol Headquarters in marked squad cars. This experience was very eye opening to all of us. We split up into two different groups. On Saturday one group dressed as officers and the other as role-playing civilians.

The roles were reversed for Sunday's day of scenarios. On Saturday and Sunday we made a variety of stops for traffic violations and wrote citations for those violations. There were also a few OWI stops included as well. Recruits were also called to noise complaints, domestic trouble calls and other types of crimes in progress. Overall, our scenario experience was great.

One of the most valuable lessons learned in scenarios was to take control of situations. Taking control of situations is vital to officer safety. Making contact with people was the most enjoyable part of the day. Having the ability to help people in need is a good feeling. Recruits are now eagerly awaiting Week Fifteen, which holds our final weekend of scenarios.

Pictures from Week 14...



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